

Khairuzzaman gets extension, Jafar new PIO

BD NEWS, Dhaka

Khairuzzaman Chowdhury, chairman of National Board of Revenue (NBR), has got contractual appointment for one year.

His extension came on the heel of his retirement from the government service.

A source at the establishment ministry said he would continue as chairman of NBR.

Meanwhile, Abu Zafar Md Iqbal, former deputy director general of mass communication directorate, was given one-year contractual appointment as Principal Information Officer (PIO).

He was appointed PIO with the expiry of the contractual appointment of Khandaker Munirul Alam.

Current nets worth Tk 6.25 lakh seized

UNB, Dhaka

Members of Bangladesh Coast Guard seized 2.64 lakh metres of banned current net worth Tk 6.25 lakh from Meghna river in Chandpur, Nilkamal and Mohanpur areas on Thursday.

Later, the nets were burnt in front of local people, said a press release yesterday.

'AL, RAW killed Kibria to foil Saarc summit'

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Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of ruling BNP, yesterday blamed the Awami League (AL) for foiling the 13th Saarc summit.

Addressing a rally on the Dhaka University campus, the JCD leaders also blamed the AL and Indian secret agency Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) for the killing of former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria to foil the summit in a planned way.

JCD General Secretary Shafiq Bari Babu said Sheikh Hasina should be sent into exile as she is a traitor.

JCD President Azizul Bari Helal said Hasina should seek apology to the people as she caused huge financial losses by giving shutdown call one after another.

She wanted to focus Bangladesh as a country of anarchy to outside world, he added.

JCD leaders Sultan Salahuddin Tuku, Selimuzzaman Selim, Hasan Mamun, Saiful Islam Firoz and Yeasin Ali also addressed the rally.

The JCD also brought out a procession on the campus under the banner that reads 'Resist traitor Sheikh Hasina'.

Meanwhile, many students of different dormitories have alleged that they were forced to join the JCD procession by their hall unit JCD leaders.

A group of JCD activists of Ziaur Rahman Hall unit beat a fellow activist Elias, a third year student of

Political Science, as he refused to join the procession owing to personal preoccupation.

Elias accused Mostak, Lavlu, Dalim, Mintu, Sujon, Tulip and Atik of beating him following his refusal.

Earlier in the morning, Bangladesh Chhatra League, student wing of AL, brought out a pro-hartal procession and held a rally on the campus.

ENGR AMINUL MURDER

BNP begins agitation

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Chittagong south district unit of BNP yesterday began a four-day-long agitation programme protesting the murder of Khagaria union parishad chairman at Satkania on Friday night.

The programmes starting with a mourning procession after the first namaj-e-janaza at the city's Laldighi Maidan include wearing of black badges, hoisting of black flags atop party offices and holding of protest rallies and processions in the city and Satkania upazila.

The south district BNP and other wings of the party will hold a joint rally at Satkania tomorrow, said Ahmad Khalil Khan, convener of south district BNP.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Renu Bala Saha, wife of renowned social worker and businessman late Bidhu-busan Saha of Nawabpur in Dhaka, died of a brain haemorrhage at a city hospital on Friday at the age of 74.

She left behind two sons, two daughters and a host of grandchildren, relatives and admirers to mourn her death.

Renu Bala, mother-in-law of Swapan Kumar Saha, former general secretary of Jatiya Press Club, was cremated at Rajarbagh Barade-shwari Kali Mandir Crematorium.

Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Parishad and Mohanagar Puja Committee leaders condoled the death of Renu Bala and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.

Death anniversary



Today is the first death anniversary of Dr ABM Mafizul Islam Patwari, a professor of law at Dhaka University and four-der chairman of Dhaka International University, says a press release.

A milad mahfil and distribution of food among the destitute have been arranged at his village home at Moniram in Sundarganj, Gaibandha.

20-year plan to improve city environment

BSS, Dhaka

A technical committee formed by the government has worked out a 20-year strategic visionary plan dubbed as Dhaka Environment Programme (DEP) to improve the city's environment in a coordinated way focusing

Int'l computer workshop begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An international training-cum-workshop programme on computer network begins at a city hotel today.

Internet Service Provider Association of Bangladesh in cooperation with South Asian Network Operation Group has organised the week-long programme.

As many as 30 network professionals from different countries will take part in the programme to be held at La Vinci Hotel in Karwan Bazar, said a press release.

Under the programme, a number of workshops on network will be held in first five days while tutorial activities will be held in last two days.

on the water quality of its surrounding rivers.

The committee was formed to prepare a plan for sustainable improvement of city environment in a strategic manner with a long term vision and establish coordination in the activities of as many as 19 custodians and users of the Dhaka rivers.

The technical committee was formed with high government officials and local and foreign environment experts. It converted the "Burganga Rehabilitation Project" into "Dhaka Environment Programme" to set up the strategies and approaches to establish a "Green Dhaka", that stands at the threshold of being second most crowded city in the world by 2015, Bangladesh Environment Management Programme (BEMP) officials said.

The programme, jointly prepared with financial and technical support of the Department of Environment (DoE) and Canadian development agency CIDA, outlined the strategies consistent with the National Water Management Plan to carry out all

development and maintenance activities of various public utility bodies coherently, said John A Carter, Technical Advisor of BEMP.

The committee suggested as many as 45 long and short-term technical action plans along with institutional restructuring at an estimated cost of around 8 billion US dollar over next 20 years, he said.

The salient feature of the programme is formation of a steering committee with PM's Principal Secretary as chairman and Environment and Forest Secretary as vice-chairman to executive the programme," he said. "All agencies through the steering committee will be responsible for implementation of their projects and directly accountable for the performance of the projects."

It also suggested an advisory council with a person of recognised distinction, stature and independence as chairman and leaders of major political parties, newspaper editors and people from different professions as members to allow the

city people to put in their suggestions in the environment development programme.

The strategy addressed all issues and recognised all river users aimed at filling the gaps in the river management initiative taking into account the experiences of other countries and giving due consideration to impact of environment on economy, Carter said.

The committee suggested four "quick hits" which according to Carter, are relatively inexpensive and highly visible, can be implemented over 2/3 years time frame.

The proposed 'quick hits' are: Shifting of Syadabad water intake unit from Sarulia to Meghna to solve the ammonia problems of supply water, construction of a wetland near Norai Khal for treatment of waste water from Tejgaon industrial and Gulshan areas, settling ponds and reed beds for selected textile industry clusters and withdrawal of import duties on effluent treatment plants.



Congratulations

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Prof Syed Modasser Ali, a renowned eye specialist, has been awarded Dr Arup Midya Memorial Award-2004 in recognition of his contribution to the field of ophthalmology.

The Indian Alumni Group of London-based International Centre of Eye Health presented the award to him at its 5th annual conference at Konark, Orissa on January 12.

The award was instituted in memory of eye specialist Dr Arup Midya, who died in a road accident at the age of 44.

The chief consultant of Majibunnesa Eye Hospital, Prof Modasser was a director general of the Directorate of Health and director of National Ophthalmology Institute.

He also served as head of ophthalmology department at different medical colleges.